Import of consumer and capital goods

†869. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of consumer goods has increased by 18.9 percent in the year 2005 in the country;

(b) if not, the fact in this regard;

(c) whether Government have assessed an increase in the import of Capital Goods; and

(d) if so, the details of such increase and the value of industrial raw material imported in the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The import of consumer goods has increased by about 44% during April, 2005 to September, 2005 compared to same period in the previous year.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The imports of goods under Chapter 84 (which primarily relates to capital goods) of the ITC(HS) Classification of Imports and Exports have increased by about 33% . The values of industrial raw materials imported are given in the publication 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India; Volume-II (Imports) Annual Number' published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, which is available in the library of the Parliament.

Share of industrial units in SEZ in GDP

†870. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that any assessment with regard to share of industrial units established in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in GDP has been made;

(b) if so, the share of industrial units established in SEZs in the country, in the GDP during year 2000-2001, 2002-2003 and 2004-2005; and

(c) to what extent the share of industrial sector as a whole in GDP was assessed during the said year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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